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Achievement of deaf minorities here and nationwide examined

The Lexington School for the Deaf is working to infuse multicultural issues into its existing curriculum, not to add these issues to it, Dr. Oscar Cohen, executive director of the school, told his audience of Pre-College faculty and staff March 29. "Adding on is phony," he said.

Cohen was the keynote speaker at a professional development program sponsored by Pre-College Programs' Minority Achievement and Multicultural Team. The half-day program included two presentations and a group activity that examined trends in the achievement levels of deaf students who are members of ethnic, racial, and/or cultural minority groups nationwide and at KDES and MSSD.

"Prejudice, discrimination, and racism do not require intent," said Cohen. "You don't have to be mean. You don't have to be full of malice to be any of these things." All people practice prejudice, discrimination, and racism in ways they do not recognize, he said.

Cohen cautioned that deaf and hearing people who sign must think about the signs they use for different racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious groups. Many of these signs are racist, he said. He also cautioned against falling into the myth that working to overcome racism and discrimination is a task that can be completed and set aside. "The goal should be to keep up the struggle."

Dr. Sharon Newburg-Rinn, research evaluation associate, presented "Trends in Minority Achievement in Pre-College Programs," stepping in for Dr. Linda Delk, coordinator, who was unable to attend. Both women are with the Pre-College Research and Evaluation Team in the Center for Curriculum Development, Research, and Evaluation, and were involved in

the research. Mark Goldfarb, now executive assistant to President I. King Jordan and formerly a member of the Research and Evaluation Team, also worked on the research.

Pre-College Programs, like schools across the nation, is experiencing an increase in its minority student population.

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Awards presented at GCRC event

The contributions by individuals and organizations at Gallaudet and the surrounding community were recognized March 23 at the Gallaudet Community Relations Council's (GCRC) 12th Annual Awards and Recognition Program. The purpose of the GCRC is to strengthen the bond between the University and businesses, groups, and individuals in near-Northeast Washington, D.C.

A capacity audience filled MSSD Auditorium for the awards ceremony. Awards were presented to individuals and representatives of organizations in 10 categories. Recipients from Gallaudet were KDES science teacher Fred Mangrubang for Academic Excellence, artist Mike Shirley for Individual Achievement, and Fred Beam accepting on behalf of the playwright and cast of "I Didn't Hear that Color" for Cultural Enlightenment.

In the Community Service category, 21 off-campus groups received awards.

This year, for the first time, three of the award recipients were high school students. "This is a clear indication that youth feel that they have a real stake and role in improving the problems within their communities, and that they can make a difference," said emcee Cathy Hughes, owner of WOL-AM and WMMJ-FM.

President Jordan lists priorities, challenges in University address

Gallaudet President I. King Jordan said during his March 27 State of the University Address that he has "narrowed the lens" on priorities, concentrating on three areas: continuing efforts to make the campus bilingual and multicultural; improving classroom instruction at the University level; and supporting professional development, especially in areas where faculty and staff work with students.

Dr. Jordan said that he decided on the priorities because "they address the heart of our mission—educating the students who come to us."

To ensure that these goals are realized, Jordan said that a number of steps are being taken. As a result of Communication Day last April 17, many units on campus are working to improve sign language proficiency, interpreting services, and cultural awareness. Jordan said that plans are being made for a new academic department focusing on the formal study of American Sign Language and deaf culture to be formed in the College of Arts and Sciences.

To see that classroom communication is up to par, a planning team will be established to research the subject. Open forums sponsored by the Office of the President will be held for people who are interested in the research findings and related issues.

Jordan said he realized that in light of recent budget sessions by subcommittees of the U.S. House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate, which could foreshadow no increases in funding for the University in the next fiscal year, that the campus community may question how these goals can be reached without additional money.

Fiscal restraint will be necessary, Jordan cautioned, but measures such



President I. King Jordan

as furloughs, salary takebacks, or reductions in force are not being contemplated, and University programs will be maintained at current levels. But new programs and initiatives must be funded from within the University, Jordan said. "Each of us will have to look to reallocating, reorganizing, and reexamining current programs to find support for critical initiatives," he added. "Fiscal 1992 will be a year when many units will have to make do with equipment they already have and with support staff already in place."

"I do not intend for this fiscal reality to put us in a holding pattern," said Jordan. "The University is not on idle simply waiting for new money to give us the impetus to move forward. We can and will work together to do whatever is necessary. I do not intend to lower my personal expectations—I do not want you to lower yours."



Gallaudet artist Mike Shirley receives the GCRC's Individual Achievement Award from Saundra Ruffin of Madison National Bank for his work as a camp counselor for area youth.



Director of Alumni Programs and alumni newsletter editor Mike Kaika (right) receives his 15-year service award from Special Assistant to the President Jack Gannon.

Announcements

The Tenth Annual Canal Trek 16-kilometer walk-a-thon to benefit the National Kidney Foundation will be held Saturday, April 14, rain or shine. For more information, call Heidi Daniels at (202) 337-6600 (V).

The sixth annual student photography contest, sponsored by the Department of TV, Film, and Photography,

Hoop tourney set

The 5th Annual Congressional Charity Basketball Tournament is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, in the Field House. The Fighting Elephants will be battling to narrow the gap with the Dunkin' Donkeys, who have beat the Republicans three out of four games.

This year, Gallaudet's deans and President's Council members will cheer the teams, students will sign the National Anthem, and the Gallaudet Dancers will perform at half time. After the game, several team players will be at The Abbey to meet students.

Tickets are \$5. Students from the University, MSSD, and KDES will be admitted free. Proceeds are matched by the federal matching endowment grant and will be used to develop leadership programs for deaf students through the Frederick Schreiber Institute.



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will be April 9-26 in Chapel Hall. A reception and awards presentation will be on Tuesday, April 9, 3:30-6 p.m.

Dr. Donald Ammons, an associate professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and chairwoman for the United States' team at the recent XII Winter World Games for the Deaf, will give a presentation on the games Tuesday, April 9, noon-1 p.m., in the Ely Center Multipurpose Room.

The Gallaudet community is invited to an auction sponsored by the PKZ Centennial Committee on Friday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in "Ole Jim." Successful bidders will win a dinner with President I. King Jordan, breakfast in bed, or housecleaning services. Proceeds will go to an organization that helps children with AIDS and to the PKZ 1992 Centennial.

Minorities studied

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lation and a decrease in its number of white students, said Newburg-Rinn.

Between 1985 and 1989, the number of Hispanic students at KDES tripled, while its population of Asian and Pacific Islander students remained about the same, she said. Black students make up 50 percent of the KDES student body.

At MSSD during the same period, black students remained about the same at less than 25 percent of the student body. The population of Hispanic students doubled and the population of Asian and Pacific Islander students more than doubled.

While deaf students who are members of minority groups are progressing over time, they still fall further behind as they go through school, said Newburg-Rinn. One reason for this gap might be that minority students are 27 percent more likely to come from homes where sign language is not used but are more likely to be put into classrooms that use sign language, she said.

While both black and Hispanic students are more likely to drop out of high school, MSSD has reduced the number of minority students it loses in recent years by identifying the students who are at risk and providing services for them, she said.

First deaf studies conference held

Educators from across the country gathered in Dallas, Texas, for the Deaf Studies for Educators conference held March 7-10. This first-ever event, which attracted 264 participants, was co-sponsored by Gallaudet University's Extension and Summer Programs and the Southwestern Regional Center at Eastfield College in Mesquite, Texas.

Featured speakers included many members of Gallaudet University. Provost Harvey Corson gave the keynote address, "Deaf Studies: A Framework for Learning and Teaching," and Dr. Yarker Andersson, professor of sociology and president of the World Federation of the Deaf, spoke on the "Sociological Implications of Deaf Studies."

Conference participants spent two and a half days exploring ways to implement deaf studies programs in all educational settings for deaf and hard of hearing students. Plenary sessions featured real-time captioning, ASL interpreting, and transliterating, and participants had access to TDDs and relay services. In addition, the hotel where conference participants were staying had open-captioned programming by the major television networks so that deaf guests could watch television in their rooms.

"For deaf participants, this accessibility really enhanced their participation and enjoyment," said Jackie Mann, coordinator of extension programs for the College for Continuing Education and chairwoman for the conference. "We will follow up with training and

forums to investigate the most effective way to develop a plan of action to implement deaf studies programs across the nation."

Lynn Jacobowitz, an assistant professor in the Department of Sign Communication, said, "The Dallas conference was one of the best conferences I've ever been to. I strongly encourage every deaf person on earth to attend the next one," if a follow-up conference is held.

Other Gallaudet employees who spoke at the conference were Dr. John Van Cleve, Dr. John Schuchman, Lisa Jacobs, Jennifer McMillan, Janet Weinstein, Melvia Miller-Nomeland, Dr. Ronald Sutcliffe, Dr. Patrick Gleason, Dr. Dennis Galvan, Clayton Valli, and Dr. Donald Bangs.

Classified Ads

CLASSIFIED ADS are printed free as a service to Gallaudet faculty and staff. They must be submitted in writing only to *On the Green*, MSSD, Room G-37, or E-mail LMMCCONNELL. Off-campus phone numbers must include an area code and whether the number is voice or TDD. Ads may be run for a maximum of two weeks, if requested and if space permits. Ads received April 8-12 will appear in the April 22 issue.

FOR SALE: Vacuum cleaner w/power nozzle, \$45; full-size refrigerator, \$45; Kenmore zigzag sewing machine (just cleaned), \$85; all good cond. Call Rosie, x5315, or (703) 685-0474 (V/TDD) eves. before 9 p.m.

WANTED: Responsible male/female non-smokers to sublet master BR or small BR in furnished 3-BR Capitol Hill townhouse, spacious rooms, renovated kitchen, CAC, parking, basement, all amenities, avail. mid-May through Aug., \$375/mo. or \$300/mo., plus 1/3 util. Call Chris, x5410 (V/TDD), (202) 543-2268 (V) eves., or E-mail DVKRENTZ.

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FOR SALE: '90 Jeep Wrangler, like new, black w/tan top, cost \$15,000 new, sell for \$10,000. Call Daniela Josberg TDD/fax (202) 546-0622, E-mail 11DJOSBERG, or Campus Mail Box 828.

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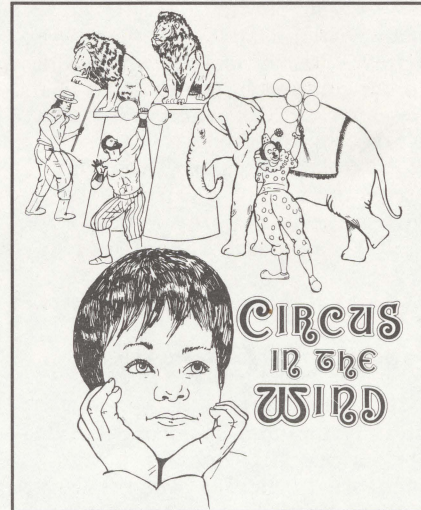
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'Circus' performs April 19 and 20

The magic and charm of the circus, a fascinating topic for children of all ages, will be brought to Elstad Auditorium by the Gallaudet Theatre Arts Department on April 19 and 20.

"Circus in the Wind," written by Aurand Harris and directed by Cheri Lundquist, transports the audience to the exciting world of the big top when a little boy is accidentally carried away in a clown's box.

This production marks the 17th year that the Theatre Arts Department has offered a program primarily for young audiences. The April 19 production will be presented at 7:30 p.m., and on April 20, shows will be at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for students, children, and sign language students, and \$4 for all others. Full-time Gallaudet students will be admitted free with a University ID. Reservations can be made by calling 651-5500 (V) or 5502 (TDD).